

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an ink jet printing apparatus and a preliminary ejecting method. In both a  
5 full-line and a serial printer, the amount of ink passing through nozzles of print heads is sometimes decreased below a normal value before and during actual printing. In the printer of present invention, a preliminary ejecting operation is performed taking the opportunity in which the  
10 amount of ink passing through nozzles is decreased below a normal value. Then, the amount of ink passing through nozzles recovers to the normal value at an ink ejection after the preliminary ejecting operation. Since only a small amount of ink is ejected through the nozzles during  
15 the preliminary ejection operation, dots formed on a print sheet are not noticeable. Further, it is unnecessary to move the print heads to a home position where an ejection recovering process is executed to remove ink having an increase viscosity.

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